

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1 - 10. (cancelled)

11. (new) A cover for a wheel, said cover comprising a substantially cylindrical part which is adapted to fit around a periphery of the wheel for which the cover is intended, a first side for covering one side of the wheel and a second side for covering the other side of the wheel, the substantially cylindrical part being joined to the first and second sides of the cover and a closable opening being provided whereby, a wheel can be inserted into the cover through the closable opening and said closable opening then being closed by releasable fastening means, wherein the closable opening is provided in one of the sides of the cover, which side is intended in use to cover the side of a wheel from which an axle on which the wheel is mounted extends.

12. (new) A cover according to claim 11, wherein the substantially cylindrical part is formed integrally with the first and second sides of the cover.

13. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 11, wherein the opening is closable by a flap which extends over an arc of said side of the cover in which the opening is provided and which is releasably fastened to at least one of the side in which the opening is provided and substantially cylindrical part of the cover to close said opening.

14. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 13, wherein the arc is approximately 45°.

15. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 13, wherein the arc is approximately 90°.

16. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 13, wherein a second flap is provided, each said flap extending over approximately one half of the arc of said opening and the flaps being provided with releasable fastening means, whereby said flaps can be releasably secured together to close the opening.

17. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 11, wherein a small part of the opening in a central region of the side of the cover is arranged to remain open in the closed position of the cover to accommodate the axle on which the wheel is mounted when the wheel cover is in use.

18. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 11, wherein at least one of advertising and promotional material is applied to the other side of the cover.

19. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 11, wherein the releasable fastening means comprise at least one of press studs, at least one sliding clasp fastener, and at least one pair of co-operating engageable strips.

20. (new) A wheel cover according to claim 11, wherein the cover is made of at least one of a flexible and waterproof material and a synthetic plastics material.